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Capitalize for Kids Announces \$750,000 Gift from Gail and David O'Brien, O.C. to Advance Youth Mental Health

Toronto, ON – October 2, 2025 – Capitalize for Kids is proud to announce a generous \$750,000 donation from distinguished philanthropists Gail and David O'Brien, O.C., whose leadership and compassion are setting a new standard for impact in child and youth mental health. Their gift includes \$500,000 for the new Capitalize for Kids Impact Innovation Fund and an additional \$250,000 to create a first-of-its-kind community-based outpatient mental health program for Ontario youth with complex mental health needs.

The Impact Innovation Fund, launched with this inaugural donation, aims to raise \$1 million to fund and accelerate innovations that improve mental healthcare for children and youth across Canada. With \$500,000 committed, Capitalize for Kids is halfway to its goal, inviting others to join and fuel meaningful change for youth and their families.

"Gail and David O'Brien are extraordinary leaders whose strategic philanthropy enable real change," said Angela Simo Brown, President & CEO of Capitalize for Kids. "What makes these gifts so moving isn't just their size. It's that they come from the heart, from a belief that what we are building here is changing lives."

Gail and David O'Brien, O.C. are dedicated advocates for kids' mental health and are deeply engaged in philanthropy in many areas including health, education, the arts and humanitarianism. Their passion for supporting the health and wellbeing of young people, especially those with complex mental health needs, reflects their lifelong commitment to improving the community and making it possible for children and youth to thrive.

"We all recognize that children and youth are Canada's most precious resource but often forget they are its most vulnerable. They depend on us and so we must all stand up." said Gail O'Brien. "Not only because it is the right thing to do but because the future of Canada depends on it. We are so proud to invest in Capitalize for Kids. We hope you will join us."

Capitalize for Kids extends a heartfelt thanks to Gail and David O'Brien, O.C. for their transformative generosity and shared belief in our mission to fuel meaningful change.



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About Capitalize for Kids

Capitalize for Kids is a charity and social enterprise dedicated to improving the child and youth community mental health system so all kids can access vital mental health care. We do this through problem-solving, community collaboration, partnerships, pro bono consulting, and solution-funding. Our work supports over 75 community mental health organizations and over 250,000 children, youth and families each year.

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